

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Catholic schools continue their mission in making a world of difference by furnishing our leaders of tomorrow with basic human, moral, and spiritual foundations; and,

Whereas, Catholic schools strengthen the future of the community, the nation, and the world by keeping viable the right of freedom of religion, under law; and,

Whereas, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the state's welfare throughout its history by raising levels of knowledge, competence and experience; and,

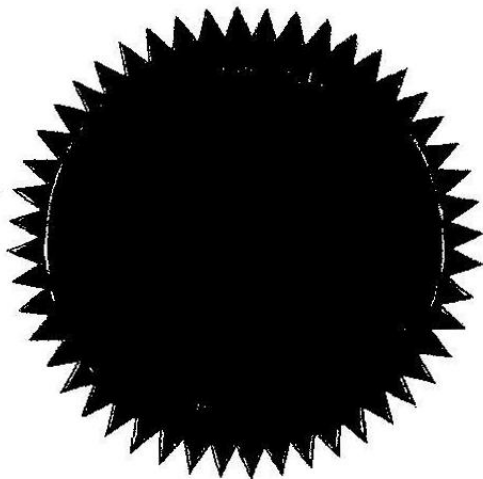
Whereas, The thirty Catholic grade and high schools in South Dakota are educating over 6,500 citizens during the 2002-2003 school year:

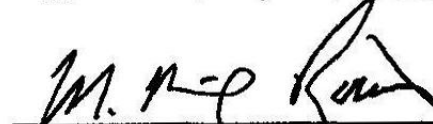
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26 through February 1, 2003, as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

in recognition of the contributions Catholic schools have made and are making today as they fulfill the mission by making a difference in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.





M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State